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Since 2013, Dr. Umair A. Shah has served as Executive Director and Local Health Authority for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) – the county public health agency for the nation's 3rd largest county with 4.5 million people located in Houston.

Dr. Shah earned his B.A. (philosophy) from Vanderbilt University; his M.D. from the University of Toledo Health Science Center; and completed an Internal Medicine Residency, Primary Care/General Medicine Fellowship, and M.P.H. (management), at The University of Texas Health Science Center. During his training, he also finished an international health policy internship at World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva.

Upon completing his training, Dr. Shah began a distinguished career as an emergency department physician at Houston's Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. He started his public health work as the Chief Medical Officer at the Galveston County Health District before joining HCPH to oversee its extensive clinical health system and infectious disease portfolio.

Under his leadership, HCPH has won numerous national awards for its transformational work including recognition as the Local Health Department of the Year by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in 2016. Dr. Shah is slated to serve as NACCHO President in July 2017 and currently serves as President of the Texas Association of City & County Health Officials (TACCHO).

Over his career, Dr. Shah has been a clinician, an innovator, an educator, and a leader in public health.